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1. REF (A) DESCRIBED RECENT REPORT FROM UN SENIOR POLITICAL
ADVISOR REMY GORGE ON STATUS OF INTERCOMMUNAL NEGOTIATIONS.
FOLLOWING ARE REPORTS ON THREE OTHER UN RELATED PROBLEMS IN
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2. DENKTASH TITLE. WE HAVE PREVIOUSLY REPORTED THAT DENKTASH WAS INSISTING THAT HE BE ADDRESSED AS TFSC PRESIDENT IN ALL COMMUNICATIONS FROM UN OFFICIALS. AFTER INTERVENTION FROM TURKISH AMBASSADOR INHAN, DENKTASH HAS NOW PROPOSED TO DE CUELLAR A FORMULA UNDER WHICH HE WOULD SIGN LETTERS TO UN OFFICIALS USING HIS FULL TITLE; UN OFFICIALS WOULD WRITE TO HIM WITH TITLE IN INVERTED COMMAS. THIS COMPROMISE HAS BEEN PUT TO UN HEADQUARTERS IN NEW YORK. LOCAL UN OFFICIALS THINK IT WILL BE ACCEPTABLE TO UNSYG ALTHOUGH THEY REALIZE IT WOULD BE A CONCESSION TO TURK CYPRIOTS. GORGE FEELS THAT GOC WILL OBJECT TO THIS USAGE EVEN IF UN HQ AGREES.

3. CONFRONTATION ZONE PROBLEMS: AVLONA. REF B IS MOST RECENT REPORT ON SITUATION IN WHICH TURKISH ARMY IS PREVENTING UNFICYP FROM ESCORTING GREEK FARMERS TO ALL OF THEIR FIELDS IN THE DMZ NEAR THE VILLAGE OF AVLONA. UN OFFICIALS HAD REACHED AGREEMENT WITH DENKTASH, TURKISH FONMIN OFFICIAL BARUTCU AND GREEK CYPRIOT OFFICIALS THAT TURKISH SETTLERS OF AVLONA COULD USE SOME LAND IN THE DMZ AS A QUID PRO QUO FOR CONTINUED FARMING ACTIVITY BY GREEKS IN MOST OF THE SOUTHERN PART OF THE DMZ. THE GENERAL AGREEMENT ON THE POLITICAL LEVEL WAS TO BE FLESHED OUT BY NEGOTIATORS WITH LOCAL MILITARY ON BOTH SIDES. THE LOCAL NEGOTIATIONS HAVE NOT BEEN FRUITFUL BECAUSE TURKISH MILITARY ON THE GROUND SAY THAT THEY HAVE NOT BEEN INFORMED OF POLITICAL LEVEL AGREEMENT. RESULT IS THAT GREEK FARMERS CAN ONLY WORK IN FIELDS OUT OF SIGHT OF TURKISH MILITARY POSITIONS. DE CUELLAR AND GORGE ARE QUITE FRUSTRATED ABOUT THIS BECAUSE IT APPEARS THAT TURKISH MILITARY ARE SIMPLY OVERRIDING AN AGREEMENT MADE BY TURKISH CYPRIOT AND TURKISH CIVILIAN AUTHORITIES.

4. UNFICYP PROCES-VERBAL: GREEKS IN THE NORTH. GORGE ALSO REPORTED THAT PROGRESS ON NEGOTIATING TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR UNFICYP IN THE NORTHERN PART OF THE ISLAND IS PROCEEDING SLOWLY. HE AND DE CUELLAR SAW DENKTASH FOR TWO HOURS ON AUGUST 13 TO DISCUSS THE DOCUMENT. DENKTASH RAISED TWELVE SUBSTANTIAL POINTS OF DIFFERENCE WITH UN DRAFT. IF ACCEPTED, DENKTASH'S POINTS WOULD RENDER UNFICYP ALMOST TOTALLY INEFFECTUAL IN THE TURKISH ZONE. AT SAME TIME, DENKTASH SAID FLATLY THAT NUMBER CONFIDENTIAL

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OF GREEKS IN THE NORTH WILL BE REDUCED BY HALF BY CHRISTMAS OR TO A TOTAL OF ABOUT 3,000. HE SAID ALL GREEKS WILL DEPART THE NORTH BY SUMMER 1977. CURRENT GREEK DEPARTURES ARE RUNNING AT ABOUT 30 PERSONS PER DAY, SIGNIFICANTLY HIGHER THAN FORMER PEAK LEVELS. GORGE NOTED RUEFULLY THAT IF THE EXODUS CONTINUES AT THAT RATE, THERE WILL BE NO MEANING IN THE PROCES-VERBAL WHEN IT IS FINALLY AGREED BECAUSE THERE WILL BE NO GREEKS IN THE NORTH FOR UNFICYP TO ASSIST.

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